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DEVELOPMENT OF GIS-BASED KUALA LUMPUR TRANSIT INFORMATION SYSTEM

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Bridges are important structures and they are sections of lifelines so we should investigate and inspect them continuously and according to their construction methods they have some defects and deterioration length of their life period, so we evaluate their traditional lacks and propose some techniques for strengthening and rehabilitate them against vulnerabilities

Keywords: Bridge, retrofit, energy dissipation, base isolation, dampers, vulnerabit , defects, inspection



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1. INTRODUCTION

Transit services such as the Putra LRT, Star LRT, KTM Commuter, KL Monorail and rapid bus is one of the main public transport services in Kuala Lumpur. Riders in Kuala Lumpur rely on this public transport to travel from one destination to another destination within the city due to heavy traffic and congested road in Kuala Lumpur. Although the public transport in Kuala Lumpur has improved and developed, yet there are some tourist attraction places such as the Titiwangsa Lake and Lake Garden that has no availability of public transport. Therefore the public transport should always be monitored and improved to fulfill the rider's requirement and be kept updated by the transit agencies.

Public transit should be encouraged because it can accommodate greater travel demand than cars. Increasing the share of public transit will reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, reduce the number of accidents, reduce energy consumption, increase the number of viable transportation options and help improve the quality of life and create new economic opportunities. Transit agencies are always struggling with the attraction of riders in a highly competitive transportation market. One of the problems encountered by the transit agency is the presentation of the information and transit planning. Transit planning is defined as a purpose to plan, design, deliver, manage and review transit, balancing the needs of society, the economy and the environment.

Therefore, measuring the transit performance easily and accurately is very important for public transit agencies in transit planning. Transit performance measures have generated considerable components in a transit planning analysis. However, there is a need to investigate the underlying components of transit quality as this can reflect passengers' perceptions of transit performance while performance measures can reflect a wider range of perceptions, mainly on behalf of the transit agencies. Transit service coverage is one of the key components of quality of service.

The transit supportive area is the portion of the transit agency's service area that provides sufficient population or employment density to require service at least once per hour. Transit supportive area is areas determined to be having a good potential for significant transit ridership (O'Neill, W., D. Ramsey, and J. Chou., 1995). The transit level of service is based solely on the percentage of the transit-supportive area covered by transit (TCQSM 2nd Edition).

GIS-based transit system modelling is a computer-integrated tool for evaluating transit system model and performing various transit analysis methods for transit planning. The GIS applications for transit system modeling include transit service area analysis, data attribution and network representation, transit demand, transit distribution, linking transportation system and others. GIS can be employed to perform the transit supportive area analysis and calculate the level of service (LOS) based on the transit supportive area.



1.1 Objectives

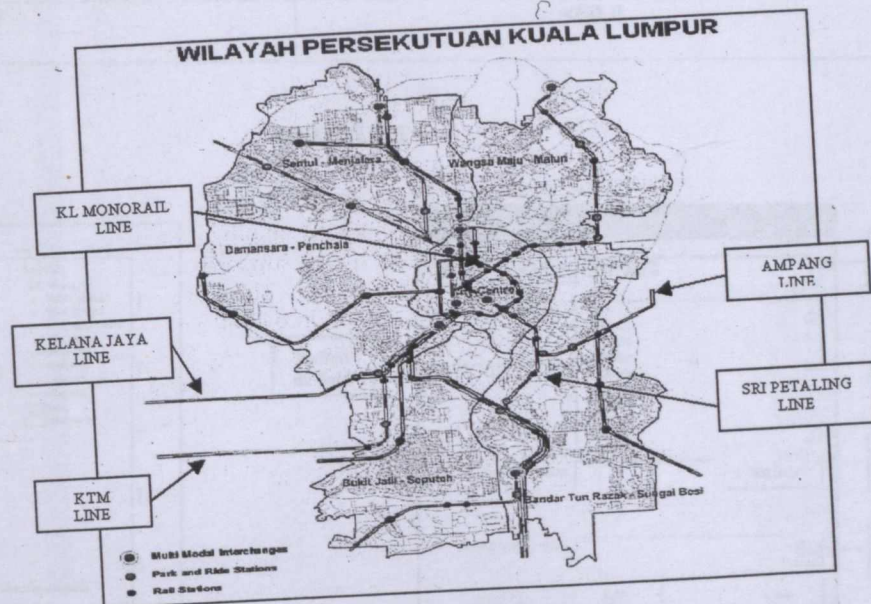
This study is carried out with the aim to:-

- Introduce the concept of GIS application for transportation planning for public transit agencies.
- Develop a GIS - based Kuala Lumpur Transit Information System (KLTIS) database system, a
- based on GIS method in developing Kuala Lumpur Transit Information System (KLTIS) customized for transit planning

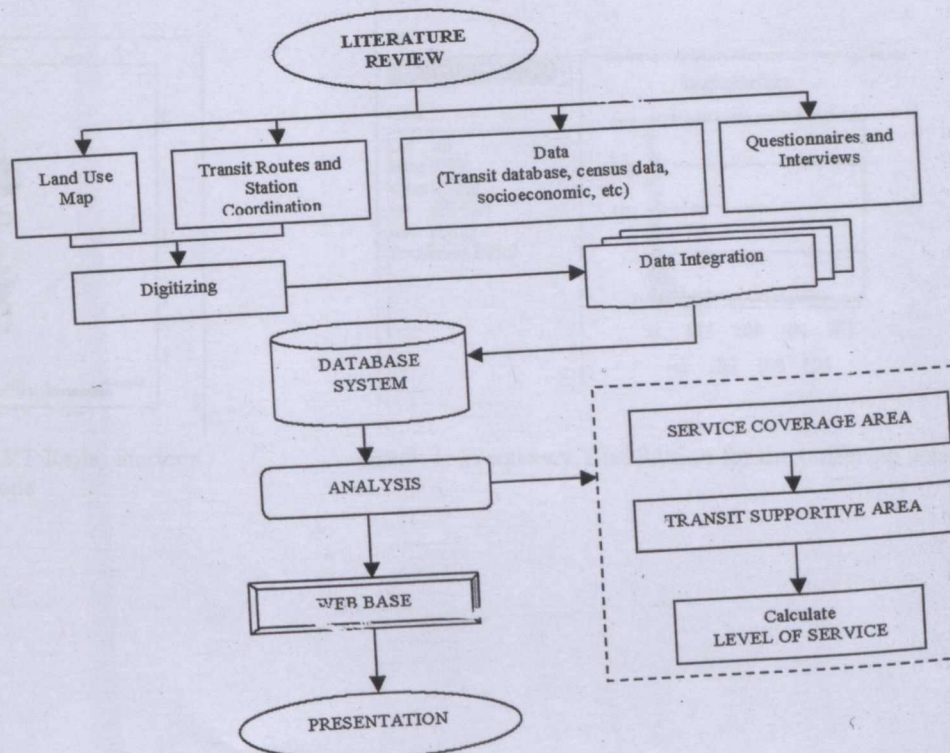
information system that was designed to serve as a one-stop data depository for transit planning in Kuala Lumpur

- Implement the transit supportive area analysis and calculating the Level of Service (LOS)
- Develop a web based Kuala Lumpur Transit Information System (KLTIS)

1.2 Study area



2. METHODOLOGY



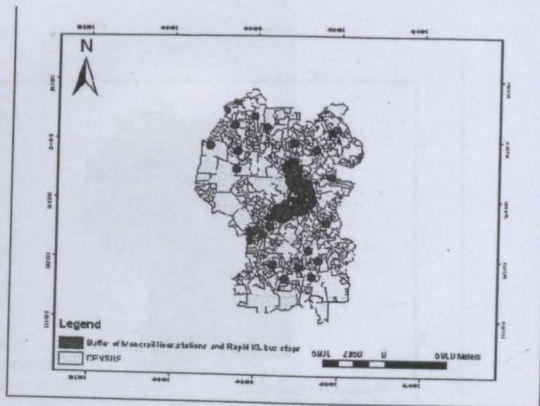
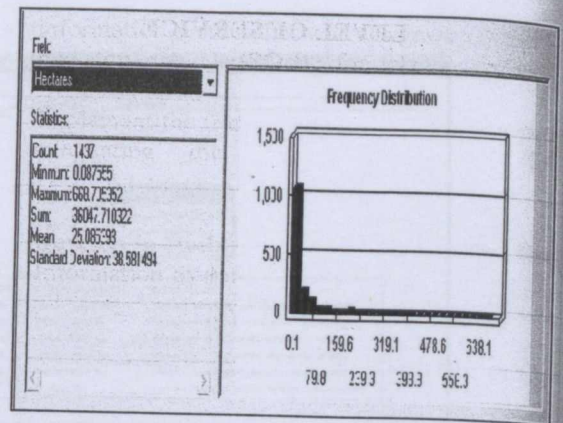


Figure 4: Buffering of Monorail Rails, Stations and Rapid KL Bus Stops



Graph 2: Frequency Distribution for the buffering zones

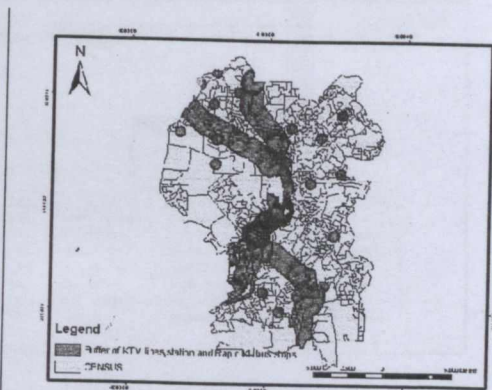
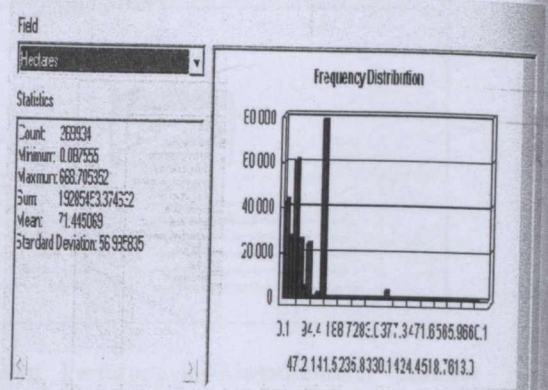
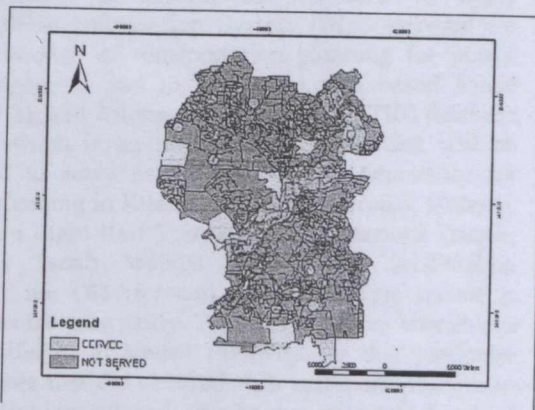


Figure 5: Buffering of KTM Rails, Stations and Rapid KL Bus Stops



Graph 3: Frequency Distribution for the buffering zones



Putra LRT and Rapid KL Bus

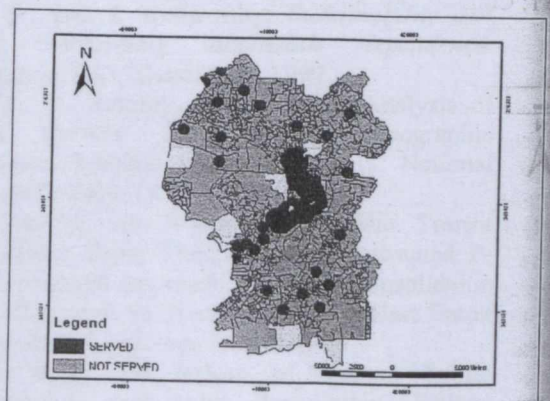


Figure 6: Transit Supportive Area Served for
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Monorail and Rapid KL Bus

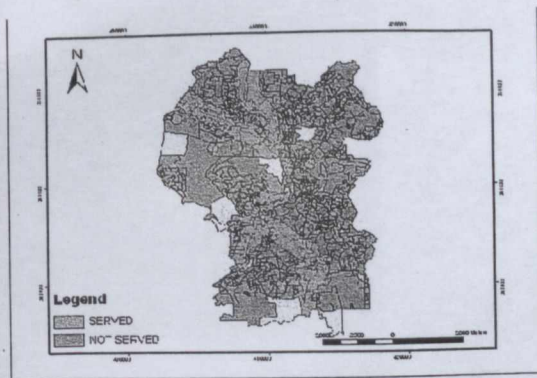


Figure 8: Transit Supportive Area Served for KTM and Rapid KL Bus

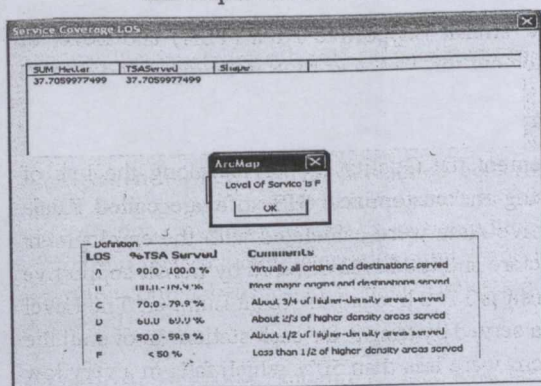


Figure 10: Level of Service for Monorail and Rapid KL Bus

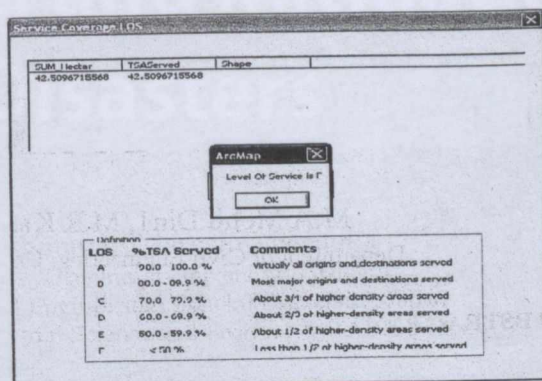
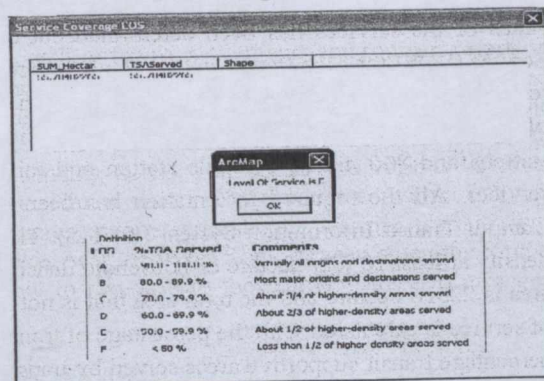


Figure 9: Level of Service for Putra LRT and Rapid KL Bus



4. CONCLUSION

This research is carried out on how to apply Geographical Information System (GIS) software for the application of transportation planning for public transit agencies and to develop a GIS based Kuala Lumpur Transit Information System (KLITIS) database system which is an information system that will be designed to serve as a one-stop data depository for transit planning in Kuala Lumpur. Five transit systems, which are Light Rail Transit (LRT), Monorail Transit, Keretapi Tanah Melayu (KTM) and Sri-Petaling Transit Line (STAR) and Rapid KL bus transit is chosen as the case study. Transit supportive area shows the significant of transit ridership for this particular area. Areas that are covered with sufficient population and employment density are having potential for good transit ridership. The Level of service for the transit services can be calculated with the percentage of transit supportive area covered by transit.

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